

## **IC 3-6-10**

### **Chapter 10. Watchers for the Media**

#### **IC 3-6-10-1**

##### **Media entitled to watchers**

Sec. 1. The following media may appoint in writing one (1) watcher for each precinct:

- (1) Each daily, weekly, semiweekly, or triweekly newspaper of general circulation in the county where an election is held.
- (2) Each news service operating in the county where an election is held.
- (3) Each radio or television station operating in the county where an election is held.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.42; P.L.4-1996, SEC.13.*

#### **IC 3-6-10-2**

##### **List of watchers; signature**

Sec. 2. A list of all persons appointed under section 1 of this chapter shall be prepared and signed by an individual or an officer of the corporation owning the newspaper, news service, radio station, or television station. The signature must be verified.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.43.*

#### **IC 3-6-10-3**

##### **Persons entitled to receive list**

Sec. 3. The list required by section 2 of this chapter shall be furnished the day before election day to the following:

- (1) The circuit court clerk.
- (2) The county election board.
- (3) The county chairman of each political party that is entitled to appoint a watcher under IC 3-6-8.
- (4) The chairman of each independent candidate's committee that is entitled to appoint a watcher under IC 3-6-8.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.3-1993, SEC.29.*

#### **IC 3-6-10-4**

##### **Application of IC 3-6-10-2 and IC 3-6-10-3**

Sec. 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this chapter do not apply to persons who are employed by a newspaper, news service, radio station, or television station as their regular occupation.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.44.*

#### **IC 3-6-10-5**

##### **Watcher identification card; powers; photographing proceedings; photographing voters**

Sec. 5. (a) Each person who acts as a watcher under this chapter must obtain a watcher identification card from the county election board.

- (b) Watchers appointed under this chapter do not have a voice or

vote in any proceeding of a precinct election board. The watchers may attend the election as witnesses only and are subject to the orders of the board.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a watcher appointed under this chapter may photograph the proceedings of a precinct election board.

(d) A watcher appointed under this chapter may not photograph a voter:

(1) while the voter is in the polls if the voter informs the precinct election board that the voter objects to being photographed by the watcher; or

(2) in a manner that permits the watcher to see or know for what ticket, candidates, or public questions the voter has voted.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.45; P.L.7-1990, SEC.5; P.L.4-1996, SEC.14.*

### **IC 3-6-10-6**

#### **Multiple county media watchers; procurement of watcher identification card**

Sec. 6. If a person desires to act as a watcher for a newspaper, news service, radio station, or television station in more than one (1) county in Indiana, the person must obtain a watcher identification card from the election division. The secretary of state may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

*As added by P.L.3-1987, SEC.46. Amended by P.L.2-1996, SEC.7; P.L.3-1997, SEC.50.*